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An Excellent Investment In Future Prosperity

SINCE the California desert was made to bloom, no more important movement has been launched in the Southland than that which is now making new industries its aim.

The movement is tremendous because it seems assured of success. It seems assured of success because it not only shouts "Keep the White Spot White," but it provides the method by which that object may be realized.

There is now being organized the Greater Los Angeles association, so called because of the national advertising value in the name of the Southland's metropolis and not to be confused with any attempt at broadening the incorporated area of that municipality. The organization will be a forerunner of the Industrial Finance corporation, to be capitalized at \$50,000,000, every cent of which will be used to assist in the financing of new industries for Southern California.

The plan is feasible. New industries wishing to locate in Southern California will apply to the Industrial Finance corporation, which will investigate them thoroughly. If the industry is sound, the corporation will underwrite a bond issue for the manufacturer.

The names of all industries interested in locating in the Southland will be forwarded to every Chamber of Commerce in Southern California. It will then become a free-for-all between communities desiring new industries located in their midst. So both the Greater Los Angeles association and the Industrial Finance corporation will be devoted to the interests of the entire Southland, and not confined to the selfish aims of any particular locality.

It behooves every citizen of the Southland to study the aims of these new organizations carefully and to lend them his support.

CALIFORNIA has advanced just about as far as she can on the pleasant but unstable foundation of climate.

The most solid foundation which man can place under any community or district is the great American dinner pail.

Hot air and shouting for industries will never bring factories to the Southland. But a sensible financing plan, such as that of the Industrial Finance corporation, will do it and do it to the full extent of California's ability to make industries profitable.

California received its first great impetus in the roaring days of '49. Men who swarmed here in the hope of garnering gold stayed to follow the pursuits of agriculture and cattle raising.

There followed a campaign of letter-writing and later organized publicity about the wonders of California climate that has reached the far corners of the earth. More men and women came west. The business of housing the incomers became a gigantic industry in itself.

All this time many industries grew up, the most romantic of all being the moving picture industry.

Los Angeles made herself a harbor and now, with that harbor taking its place with the most important ports on the continent's shores, with transcontinental railroads feeding it and taking freight from it, the time has come for Southern California to broaden out the scope of its industrial life.

The Southland has grown just about as long as it can grow on the tourist, climate, subdivision, and the building industries.

WITH the desire for new industries established, the Southland must answer the question: "Can industries make money in Southern California?"

They can. Raw materials for manufacturing purposes

abound in California, the Pacific coast and the states west of the Rockies. Most of this raw material, including wool, hides, minerals, cotton and lumber for furniture, are shipped east to be manufactured. Then they are shipped back in the form of finished products to be sold in the great market of the Pacific slope.

Residents of the states west of the Rockies pay double freight on most of the products they buy.

Woolen and cotton mills, furniture factories, canning factories, mineral products mills, shoe factories, can find sound economic reasons for locating in Southern California.

It is no idle dream to picture the day when the ports of our west will be the busiest in the whole wide world.

From the movement to attract industries to the Southland the district between Los Angeles and the harbor will benefit most. Proximity to tidewater is something more than desirable to industry.

New industries coming to California will build their plants between Los Angeles and San Pedro.

They will shy away from the city of Los Angeles and its high tax rate. They will seek out the places where taxes are low, land values reasonable, and yet within easy trucking distance of tidewater.

They will also seek factory sites along trackage of transcontinental railroads.

That's where this district comes in. A short haul to the harbor, a low tax rate, sites alongside the Santa Fe railroad—these are among the advantages Torrance has to offer.

To Southern California we are what the Newark district is to New York.

That is why we should be intensely interested in the Greater Los Angeles movement and the organization of the Industrial Finance corporation.

That is why we should invest in future prosperity.

New Auditorium At High School To Be Dedicated Friday

New Structure Will Be Given Over for Use as Civic Center in the City of Torrance

The new high school auditorium will be dedicated on Friday and Saturday nights, May 2 and 3.

On Friday evening the Torrance high school will be dedicated. Mrs. Dorsey, superintendent of city schools, and Mr. Gould, first assistant superintendent, will represent the board of education. Torrance will be represented by the newly elected mayor; Carl Hyde, president, and Harry Gadegy, secretary, of the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Young, president of the Woman's club, and Mrs. Stock, president of the P.-T.-A.

The formal presentation will be made by Mrs. Dorsey, followed by an acceptance by the mayor, after which Mr. Gould will make a few remarks relative to the coming school bond

election. The greater part of the dedication program will be conducted by the high school pupils. They will demonstrate the possibilities of the wonderful new stage, curtains and scenery in their presentation of "The Charm School." It will be necessary to repeat the play on Saturday night. Seats may be reserved at the Dolley drug store.

The entire high school, with all its new equipment, will be open for inspection. The new cafeteria will serve a dinner from 5:30 to 7 on a non-profit basis, in order to show the public the kind of service the pupils are receiving daily. The principal and teachers take this opportunity to invite all patrons of the school to see their wonderful new plant and equipment.

MEN AND WOMEN NABBED WHEN POLICE RAID OIL FIELD DENS

Mopping up the Torrance-Lomita oil field district, the dry squad from the sheriff's department, assisted by Torrance police and Constable Taber, swept through alleged gambling houses and asserted "blind pigs" and brought upward of 70 prisoners, men and women, into Judge Hunter's court between 11 o'clock Saturday night and 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

Almost everyone in Lomita was up watching the officers bring in prisoners from their wholesale raids.

When Judge Hunter quizzed the prisoners, some were dismissed, and the balance taken to Los Angeles in a Fageol bus, especially chartered for the occasion.

The deputies combed the oil field district with a thoroughness that is evidenced by the wholesale arrests. A large quantity of wine and liquor was confiscated.

Monday was certainly blue Monday for many of those arrested, when Judge Hunter set a new record in the disposition of cases.

Taken into custody when the police raided the tent house on Pine street, west of Narbonne avenue, F. F. Smith, Joe Miller, L. A. Hull, W. M. Amis, E. F. Campbell and T. O. Powell were charged with gambling. They all pleaded guilty. Each paid a fine of \$10 and were ordered by Judge Hunter not to reappear in the local oil fields.

The deputies entered the boarding house of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Smith on Oak street. Smith was charged with violation of the liquor laws and with vagrancy. He pleaded not guilty to each charge and asked for a jury trial. Bail was fixed at \$500 on each charge.

Mrs. Smith was charged with vagrancy, pleaded not guilty, demanded trial by jury, and is out on \$500 bail. Charles Foley and Frances Shafer,

taken into custody at the Smith rooming house, each forfeited bail of \$100.

J. R. McGrury, proprietor of Sunshine Inn, south of Julian City, pleaded not guilty to a charge of possessing and selling liquor and asked for a jury trial. Bail was fixed at \$500.

Not guilty was the plea of Rena Carrigan of the Midway Rooms, 133 Narbonne avenue, who was charged with the possession of liquor. Unable to furnish bail in the sum of \$1500, she is in jail in Los Angeles. She will stand trial on May 5 on a battery charge.

C. Lilienquist and Pauline Mesetti, both caught in the net which the deputies drew in Saturday night, pleaded guilty to charges of vagrancy. Each was fined \$75 and sentenced to serve 100 days was suspended as long as they keep out of the oil field.

J. W. Turner, Mrs. A. L. Ray, Bertha Reynolds and H. J. Carrigan all pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy and asked for jury trials. They were given until 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to furnish bonds of \$500 each.

D. M. Hays drew \$100 and 100 days. The time sentenced was suspended for as long as he stays away from the oil field.

Auto Dealers Will Give Plane Rides

The Florentine-Warner Co., dealers for Overland and Willys-Knight cars, announce that they will give each purchaser of a Willys-Knight or Overland, bought from their agency at 116 North Catalina avenue, Redondo Beach, a free aeroplane ride over the beach cities.

Observations

The Death Of Murphy, Boss Of Tammany Hall—A Constitutional Amendment Based On Humane Principles

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE death of Charles Murphy, boss of Tammany hall, brought to an end a picturesque career. Murphy won his way to leadership in the famous "gas house gang" of New York's treacherous east side. He battled his way up with his fists. Taken into the organization of Tammany, the young Irishman displayed unusual political sagacity and capacity for leadership and stepped into the shoes of Croker, when Croker died.

The death of Murphy calls to the national attention again the blot of bossism on the escutcheon of a democratic country. In New York the contractor who does not stand in with Tammany has as much chance of getting a contract for public work as former Secretary Fall now has of being nominated for the presidency. Bossism is based on favoritism. It proceeds according to the theory that he who gets the reward must be part and parcel of the political organization.

Tammany is constructed on the foundation of special privilege. For that reason it is contrary to the intent of democratic government.

It is apparent that the organization in New York is bigger and stronger than any individual and that Tammany will continue to function despite Boss Murphy's death. Al Smith, brought up with Tammany since boyhood, will take over the reins. He is a Tammany man from the ground up.

THE House of Representatives has passed a resolution to submit to the states a constitutional amendment to make child-labor illegal in the United States. The amendment is necessary because the supreme court ruled that the former child-labor law was unconstitutional.

Those who believe that the prerogative of the supreme court should be stolen by the legislative branch of the government must see in the passage of that resolution by the House the method by which rulings of the highest court in the land which are contrary to the public desires but based soundly on law may be reversed.

It were better to change the constitution to suit public demand than to undermine the supreme court.

"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Torrance Nos. 43 and 55 of the Chanstor-Canfield Midway Oil company are drilling in the oil sand. They are second tier wells near the old Redondo road.

Francis No. 1, Chanstor-Canfield's Western avenue wildcat, is down 1500 feet.

The drill crew at E. J. Miley's Torrance No. 5 is fishing for a bit, lost at 3515 feet.

The Sentinel Oil company is bailing Joughlin No. 5 for a water test.

Shell's Kettler No. 2 made water again, when bailed for a test after the recent job. The well was drilled to 3995 feet and bridged back to 3936, where casing was landed. Two cement jobs have been unsuccessful. Whether the company will cement again is unannounced.

The Petroleum Securities company's No. 21 is ready to bail for a water test. No. 17 was cemented Sunday at 3429 feet.

A daily visitor to Petroleum Securities company's Marble fee property is E. L. Doherty Jr., son of the oil magnate, and the man who carried the little black satchel to former

Secretary of the Interior Fall. The Petroleum Securities property here is owned exclusively by the Doherty family.

The Amalgamated Oil company has gone in on its lease just west of the Fullerton Oil company's property on the old Redondo road (west). The Fullerton lease is immediately west of Standard's Marble fee property. The Fullerton has five wells located on its property. Three are drilling.

Showings of oil have been encountered at Chanstor-Canfield's Del Amo No. 12, western outpost on the old Redondo road. The well is down close to 3500 feet and will be completed soon. If it becomes a commercial producer it will prove up a vast acreage included in the Del Amo lease.

Chanstor-Canfield's production from the field is about 12,000 barrels a day.

Shell's Dolores No. 1, wildcat east of Harbor boulevard, is down 2000 feet.

The Petroleum Securities company will have completed its drilling program in the field within a few weeks. All wells on the Marble property have been located and are all drilling.

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Seven New Wells Go On Production; Yield Is Boosted

Production of Field Now Well Above 60,000 Barrels, With Peak Believed to Be About 80,000

Seven new wells went on production in the field over the week-end, bringing the daily yield above the 60,000-barrel mark.

The field's production last Monday was 59,775 barrels. It is now estimated at about 62,000 barrels.

That the peak production will be about 75,000 or 80,000 now seems evident. That the decline will not be rapid seems assured, because the rapid decline in the closely drilled area has already taken place. New production these days is from the larger leases on which the wells are widely spaced for long production.

The Chanstor-Canfield Midway Oil company brought in Torrance No. 50, second tier well, northeast of Tor-

rance No. 8, the first Santa Fe producer on the old Redondo road. No. 50 was completed at 3725 feet and is flowing at a rate of 1000 barrels a day.

The Superior Oil company's Torrance No. 21 on the Joughlin lease kept up the reputation of the east side by producing 800 barrels a day from 3876 feet.

The Santa Fe brought in two wells on the Kettler lease. No. 10 is making 300 barrels and No. 5 is flowing at a 50-barrel rate. No. 10 was drilled to 3830 feet and No. 3 to 3780 feet.

Del Amo No. 11 of the C.-C. M. O. was completed for 100-barrel production. No. 11 is located on Carson street, offsetting Shell's Redondo No. 2.

LOMITA WOMAN SHOT IN BACK DURING QUARREL OVER MONEY

A bitter altercation over money matters ended abruptly in Lomita Saturday afternoon when John Gurdy, age 27, shot Mrs. Lena Hansen, age 37, in the back, fled from the house on Narbonne avenue and made his escape to Long Beach, where he gave himself up to police.

The woman will recover. Gurdy is being held in the county jail, pending the outcome of the woman's wounds. According to Gurdy's story, Mrs.

Hansen recently sued him for defamation of character at Huntington Beach and was awarded a judgment of \$150. He paid her with a check, on which he stopped payment, it is said, and fled to Mexico. Returning, he gave her \$150 in cash. Saturday afternoon he went to her home in Lomita, pleading stringent circumstances, and sought money, according to the police. A warm argument ensued and a scuffle followed, during which Gurdy whipped out a revolver and shot. The bullet lodged in Mrs. Hansen's back, striking no bones or vital parts.

GRADUATE GUEST HERE

Miss Marietta Lahorn of Syracuse, N. Y., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Paul Eby, of Torrance Park. Miss Lahorn is a graduate of the Hall of Languages of the Syracuse university. She left for Torrance the morning after her graduation.

GAS LEAK FIRE

Torrance and Lomita fire departments answered an alarm in the oil field Monday night, when a gas main of the Southern California Gas company burst and ignited on Palm street near Pennsylvania avenue. Field men of the gas company turned off the main and extinguished the blaze.

WANTED

Old Copies of Torrance Herald

In order to complete the files of The Torrance Herald and thus have a complete chronicle of events in Torrance, The Herald is very anxious to secure the following back issues:

JANUARY 27, 1922
AUGUST 4, 1922
DECEMBER 29, 1922

If anyone has any of these issues, they will confer a great favor by bringing them to the Herald office, or by telephoning us, 200, and we will call for them.